

ARIZONA HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

September 26, 2006
MINUTES

The Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC) met at 1:00 pm. on September 26, 2006 at the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, in the Director's Office Conference Room, at 1700 W. Washington, Suite 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Full transcript available if needed.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Jim Garrison, State Historic Preservation Officer
State Historic Preservation Office, Arizona State Parks
GladysAnn Wells, Director
Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
Noel J. Stowe, Chair/Professor of History
Arizona State University
Anne Woosley, Executive Director
Arizona Historical Society
John Driggs, Chairman
Phoenix Heritage Commission
Betsy Stunz-Hall, Representative
Arizona Library Association
Theresa Jespen for Julie Yoder, Executive Director
Arizona Humanities Council
Robert Booker, Executive Director
Arizona Commission on the Arts

ABSENT

Members:

Melodee Jackson, Director, Constituent Service
Office of the Governor
Ken Travous, Director
Arizona State Parks
Beth Vershure, Station Manager, KAET-TV Channel 8
Arizona State University
Hartman Lomawaima, Director
Arizona State Museum
Catherine May, Senior Historical Analyst/Archivist
Salt River Project
Don Ryden
Historic Sites Review Committee

Guests:

Leah Birk, Senate Research
Jack August, Arizona Historical Foundation - ASU

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Garrison called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Fisher, Law and Research Division Director handed out library card packets to all AHAC members and Guests with information on how to use the remote user access database that is available here.

Ann Woosley expressed concerns about the centennial and commemorations of the centennial and planning for it: Her major concern centers around the fact that, we Arizona, do not have a dedicated director of the centennial. I mean we've talked about this before - whose time is dedicated to furthering the goals of the commission and of the citizens of Arizona. It would not surprise me if we saw from leaders in the Arizona community; it would not surprise me if we saw legislation in this next session introduced to fund that position and possibly a small staff. I don't know what really else to share with you about that, but the conversations have been, definite enough, that it seems to me that if it makes sense to articulate it here. I honestly have nothing else to share with you, except that the concerns have apparently been voiced by a number of people who are in leadership positions.

John Driggs: I'd like to follow that up with another comment. And actually a discussion that GladysAnn and I had to stay formally when one of drafts that I had submitted. I had suggested that they be appointed by the heads of government, the governor and the legislature - an official centennial committee chaired by some, maybe a CEO type or a high visibility community leader and I've thrown that out, and GladysAnn and I a little discussion. GladysAnn's concern was... that in effect is what we already have serving in that capacity. So, it touches us indirectly on what you said, but it does bring up the issue as to an ongoing future procedure to make things happen. I could well see GladysAnn ends point that we are the appointed body to do this and why do we need a centennial director that chairman because that's us. So, it's kind of an open issue.

GladysAnn Wells: I think I sort of am in between the two points. It seems to me that we very much do need, however we could accomplish that dedicated staff for this. And, so I agree that we need a director of some sort. What I didn't agree with is that we needed another commission. We have the commission... We need our committee. We need to populate the committees that we have established and we need to make this commission work.

John Driggs: In this way, I fairly agree.

GladysAnn Wells: But I do think that, and that was why I asked, remember? You may remember I asked Mike Braun who was giving us the talk on the legislation. I said if supposing in the best case scenario that the Library and Archives hit a flesh time and wanted to put a staff position behind the centennial work could we do so? And he said no. So because all of the staff of the centennial currently has to be contractual staff funded out of the money raised by this commission. So, my question is Anne is do you have any idea where the staff would reside?

Ann Woosley: You know I have absolutely nothing more than what I've shared. But I just felt like it was important to articulate it because the conversation is out there. I can't give you individuals names because I don't know.

John Driggs: Right. It's just, we call it under current and it's just an under current concern and actually one point that's an obvious point, is that every member of this commission is fully employed and engaged in their own particular career, and job and position. There are five heads of state agencies. I, as the public member; perhaps the only person that was not fully employed so far in the commission, and that's partly because the one work that I was doing for the last year and a half on behalf of the City of Phoenix, have been doing as a volunteer. So, in Oklahoma as I have sometimes referred to which has been for working for eight years and their centennial, which kicks this fall. Oklahoma literally created a department or an agency called their Centennial Department. Now, I don't the details of how many, or whether they were doing the things that they had designated administrative answer to this under current or question that Anne brought up.

Ann Woosley: Well I will bring back to, you know, a central point which is one that you just made and we've made around this table before. And that is that it's the time issue and the responsibilities that virtually everyone except perhaps you, on this commission has, because you're the one with all the time. Which is why you have been able to make all these connections which sometimes give us heartburn, because you have the time and so, you know me John, I just put it out there. I think that this is a big part of the impetus for the discussions, is the matter of time and dedicated effort to the Centennial. And, I understand I fully understand the issues that you raised; that GladysAnn raised. Because I don't have a lot of information, I was kind of hesitant to even start this but I just feel that its information that I need to bring here as preliminary as it is.

John Driggs: Well, I think it's vitally important in value that you brought it up. I think it's something that between now and the time the next session starts. We could start planning the next session, the legislative leadership thinks we're a creature of theirs, many think that.

Jim Garrison: Ok, since we're under announcements, I passed out the agency performance report which statutes poorly directed to the States Preservation Office, when the statute was revised that AHAC would take over the responsibilities on the Centennial, this function was passed over to State's Historic Preservation Office. AHAC has to present a report after the end of the month on its activities and some question the law as to whether this weaves into that or...

GladysAnn Wells: I think it was at least the intent that it would be apart of our annual report and we reserved a place in our annual report for it.

Jim Garrison: Some of you may know; some of you may not know that the Historic Site's Review Committee which advises me on the eligibility of properties in the State National Registered Historic Places is technically a standing sub-committee of this body. And so, two meetings ago Captain Leonard presented you the information that's in this report when we had our graphics person just put that in a format to kind of match these two reports that have got to go together, so I want you have those reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 29, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ann Woosley moved that we accept the minutes of the August 29, 2006; Betsy Stuntz-Hall seconded the motion.

The motion passed to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2006 AHAC meeting.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Review and approve Centennial Plan

Driggs motioned to approve the eleven page statewide plan as presented.

Discussion regarding the Centennial Plan ensued and a few minor adjustments were made.

Motion to Approve the Centennial Plan - 7 approved 1 apposed.

The motion passed to Approve and start distributing the Centennial Plan

Juanita made copies of the Centennial Plan for members to take with them when they left the meeting.

Committee Membership Reports

Driggs motioned that the members of AHAC will be recommended to GladysAnn to be appointed in consultation with the commission. The members of the committees established by our Bi-laws will be recommended to Noel as chair of the committees', vice chair for committees to then be discussed with the AHAC chair. Well's seconded the motion.

The motion passed

Discussion on Business Cards

A short discussion regarding Arizona Historical Advisory Commission business cards resulted in John Driggs and Robert Booker looking into various vendors.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

John Driggs: So since I invited Jack here, well Jack just asked me, he said it's a public meeting isn't it and I said yes. I did mean to invite you but I think since we've got plenty of time I would like to ask Jack, if everybody in this room knows about the Arizona Historical Foundation, which they probably do, if one person that doesn't then that's Robert. And so I would like you to with all the discussions that you and I have had about this centennial and about the possible involvement of the Arizona Historical Foundation, could you just tell us what you think the role of the organization might be?

Jack August: Let me just do the brief version. The Arizona Historical Foundation was founded by Senator Goldwater back in 1959 to preserve his papers and a variety of other aspects of Arizona history first primary source materials. Now we have about three hundred fifty collections, political, legal, and business history in the state. So they are apart of that legacy of Arizona. So certainly from that perspective and also by the way most of Senator Goldwater's photographs, he was a well known photographer before he became a public figure. He was a public figure matter of fact because of his photographs were there after his political career. That's kind of the crown jewel of the collection, but there are many other interesting collections. Certainly we could play a role with that. Our staff certainly has expertise and skill sets that could be supportive of many of the efforts I just heard you gloss over today and I am going to take a good look at the minutes on the website hereafter. I think that's probably we needed out the introductions.

John Driggs: Since this institution right here, The Library and Archives does a lot of the same things; how do you think you correlate with this institution?

Jack August: Wonderfully, I think we got a long really quite well since I've gotten to know GladysAnn Anne and I know most of the staff and our staff work well together.

John Driggs: Do you compete with collections?

Jack August: I don't think so. There's certain state statutes the governor's papers have to go to so we're well aware as a 501C3 embedded with an ASU that we probably would compete more with probably your agency and our next door neighbors when they have Senator Gates papers which I don't research.

John Driggs: Who is your next door neighbor?

Jack August: Department of Archives and Manuscripts which is undergoing a name change.

John Driggs: At ASU?

Jack August: At ASU, yes. So were one of seven I think major, is that like seventh major research depositories, but this is the big one, of course this is the state, we moved to our state but we do complimentary work so certainly all of us are in this next five or six years together. I did like the idea especially at the outset about having kind of a (undecipherable) or a Mitt Romney who ran I don't know if the centennial is like the Olympics; setting up the Olympics but I don't know if I would use Zar or Zareeta or something like that to pull all the various stakeholders of what this mission is together. I was very intrigued with that comment.

John Driggs: GladysAnn and I spend about two minutes on this, but it poses the question and we need to go somewhere obviously so there isn't terribly any undercurrent as to how even up to twenty, how twenty commissioners who meet quarterly are going to pull off a multimillion centennial. It's a big issue. As long as we're just sort of around the table, I would like to ask Anne to tell us if she wants to what your organization's centennial communities are doing.

Anne Woosley: Well, as I mentioned before the historical society has one project that were calling the legacy project that we've initiated and really have multiple chapters finished and

reviewed and that is we are doing a new textbook of Arizona history for fourth graders. We're working with the publisher and me as I said, we've had it reviewed. We're working with the State Education Department and so we feel that this fits in very nicely with what the governor's vision was as to one part of Arizona History Legacy Project. The other thing of course is that we are looking at our planned Arizona History Museum which is going to be apart of Tucson's revitalization project (**undecipherable**). We are looking at the establishment of the Arizona History museum, that if everything goes as plan, that's going to dovetail with the Centennial. We're looking at that as one of our legacy project. Another project that we're working on is the re-adaptation of the Molina block in Yuma which is one of Arizona's remaining standing adobe structures and we want to readapt that as a regional community museum. We have those what we're calling our principal main projects identified that we're working on and of course the committee itself is inner facing with governing productions and with various partners at CCHA for more specific kinds of projects. I think that we're doing as much as, our agency is doing as much we can simply so that we have a jump on this because time is passing. That's kind of a thumbnail summary of AHS.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

October 31, 2006 at 1pm

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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DISCUSSION/ACTION

- Review and Tweak Centennial Plan
- Committee Membership Reports
- Review Bi-Laws

COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT

Historic Sites Review (HSRC)
Countdown to the Centennial
Development
Marketing
Programs, Projects, Events
Membership

TREASURER REPORT

Chairman Jim Garrison adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Juanita Cason
Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records